

NO. 5:11-CT-3209-FL

ORDER

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complaint. In support, plaintiff contends that defendants included this information in their answer in bad faith and that the information is prejudicial to plaintiff.

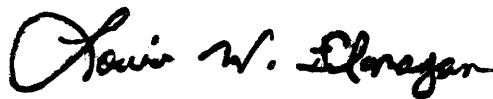
Rule 12(f) provides that a court “may strike from a pleading an insufficient defense or any redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous matter.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f). “The purpose of the motion to strike is to avoid the waste of time and money that arises from litigating unnecessary issues. . . . The district court possesses considerable discretion in disposing of a Rule 12(f) motion to strike.” Godfredson v. JBC Legal Group, P.C., 387 F. Supp.2d 543, 547 (E.D.N.C. 2005) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted).

Here, most of the contested information is public record. Plaintiff further failed to establish prejudice sufficient to warrant the court striking the disputed information from defendants’ answer. Thus, plaintiff’s motion is DENIED.

Finally, the court turns to plaintiff’s motion to compel discovery. Defendants have not responded to plaintiff’s motion. Accordingly, the court ALLOWS defendants fourteen (14) days to respond to plaintiff’s motion to compel.

In summary, the court DENIES plaintiff’s motion for a more definite statement (DE 106) and motion to strike (DE 107). Regarding plaintiff’s motion to compel (DE 109), the court DIRECTS defendants to respond to plaintiff’s motion within fourteen (14) days of this court’s order.

SO ORDERED, this the 9th day of December, 2014.

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LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
United States District Judge